people and there are no transport facilities, will the Hon. Minister be pleased to order the opening of a maternity centre and an allopathic medical centre there?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—"It is the business of the District Board to open maternity centres. The Government give maintenance grants and building grants."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—"Is it a fact that the Government have neglected to open hospitals and dispensaries in the interior parts of the Malabar district? In so many villages with a population of 50,000 and 60,000 there is not even a single dispensary. Will the Government be pleased to convert the Taliparamba Local Fund Dispensary into a Government Hospital?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—"All the Taluk Headquarters Hospitals in Malabar have been provincialized. It is not so in the case of many other districts where there are still a number of Taluk Headquarters Hospitals remaining to be provincialized."

Number of murder cases in South Kanara in 1951–52.

* 845 *Q.*—SRI M. S. MOGRAL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of murder cases reported in the year 1951–52 in the district of South Kanara;

(*b*) how many of them have been given up as undetected;

(*c*) how many have been charge-sheeted; and

(*d*) how many of them ended in acquittal and how many ended in conviction?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Twenty-six cases of murder were reported to the police during 1951–52 in the South Kanara district.

" (*b*) Four cases were referred as undetected.

" (*c*) Nineteen cases were charged by the police.

" (*d*) Seven cases ended in conviction and 12 ended in acquittal."

SRI M. S. MOGRAL :—" May I know how many deaths have been reported by the police as deaths due to accident or disease?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—"I do not have the figures here. A separate question may be put."

Repairs to the Maniyara bridge in Payyannur firka, North Malabar.

* 846 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Maniyara bridge in Koram amsam in Payyannur firka, North Malabar, is completely broken down and damaged; and if so, since how long it is lying in the damaged state; and